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In re Application of :  
Timothy M. Schmidt, et al. :  
Application No. 09/526,930 :  
Filed: March 16, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. TI-30734 :  
ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 26, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

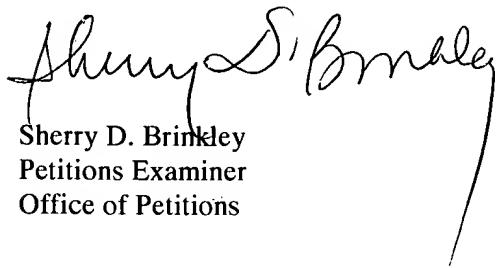
This application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file a complete and proper appeal brief within the time period provided in 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). As a complete and proper appeal brief was not filed within one (1) month of the July 25, 2007 Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief under 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1), the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.197(b). As no claim was allowed, the application became abandoned on August 26, 2007. See MPEP 1215.04. On March 26, 2008, the present petition was filed. A Notice of Abandonment was subsequently mailed on April 29, 2008.

The petition is not signed by an attorney or agent of record; however, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Robert N. Rountree appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. However, if Mr. Rountree desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. All future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), including the fee of \$810 and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1,540; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While the statement is not made by an attorney of record, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2611 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

  
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